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Subject: Electronic Data -- Support Request

Barry and Jon:

This message is prompted by the E-mail traffic of lask week concerning the Rhone-Poulenc data and it's electronic availability and useablility.

I am begining a long term clean up project with a wood preserver in Arlington WA. One of the requirements of the Order we negotiated was for the facillity to submit their data electronically. (per Region 10 Order R10 7500.1 August 15, 1989, based on EPA National Order No. 2150, "Minimum Set of Data Elements for Ground Water").

One of my goals is to be able to use the electronic data in a number of ways. For example; create our own set of graphs based on any set of data desired (vs what the company provides); manipulate the data to check the facility's assumptions; use it for modeling; make our own contour maps; double check against hard copy for accuracy, plot make tables, etc.

Matt indicated to Christy that unles the data is given to us in a conveniently usable form-- it is very difficult to use. I asked Matt at the time of my Order preparation what format is best. He said that any can be read, but that there was a general format that is used, and forwarded the file to both me and the company's consultant.

I was suprised to learn that nothing was done with the data, other than receiving it, by the Region. My program doesn't have the expertise or the computer capabilties (unix-- data generals) to handle and manipulate large data files. I assumed and had the expectation that the Region was actually inputting this data into a database for access and useability. I also thought that this data base fed into the national data base that the USGS manages (STORET).

I am guessing (but I am not sure) that my assumptions and expectations stated above are not true. Could be I just don't understand or that I am missing some information. Please correct me if I am wrong....

My specific project support need I am asking for from your staff is :
-    the management of my project's electronic data in a database
-    an assigned person who can access the data and give us pieces as needed during the duration of the project.

- this project is expected to go on for a number of years.

Can you meet this support need? Please let me know.
Thanks
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